

Fraternity Members Begin to Quit Fultz--Griff Signs One Regular

PLAYERS FALLING AWAY FROM UNION

Al Demaree Kicks Against Having Chicago Cubs Bear Burden of Battle.

MINORS WILL REAP BENEFIT

Manager Griffith Sees Hops for Little Fellows in Fraternity's Fall.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Already there are signs of a break among the members of the Baseball Players' Fraternity. Dave Fultz's orders not to sign are being openly flouted and Al Demaree is out with a protest against the Fraternity leader's making the Chicago National League club a goat in the troubles now facing magnate and player.

"The action of Fultz in calling the strike on February 20, the day the Cubs are to report," says Demaree, "makes the Chicago club and its players the targets. The attention of the baseball world will be centered upon the players of the Chicago club and they will have to carry the burden of the strike."

"Nor is it fair to discriminate against President Weeghman. He's a fine man and has gone to a lot of expense in giving the players this trip to California and it isn't right that he should be selected as the object of the first attack."

Players Should Train.

"I am opposed to the fraternity keeping its men from going on the training trips. We have to get into condition some way, and it's my idea that we should be at liberty to accompany the clubs, and then if Fultz and the owners can't get together, it will be time enough to take decisive action."

"I'm going to write to Fultz these facts, too."

Inasmuch as no players will be allowed to accompany clubs to training camps until they have signed, Demaree's statement indicates a changing phase in the situation.

Will Help Minors.

"The death of the fraternity will be the making of the minor leagues, especially the larger ones," says Manager Griffith. "They cannot exist unless they cut salaries and even the veteran players in the International League and American Association, instead of fighting against the magnates, should be with them."

"Almost every minor league would have to quit, if compelled to pay the salaries they have paid for the past two or three years. Then where would the players make a living? Under the system now existing, if effect, they'll all make a living which is all the magnates do when it comes down to brass tacks."

One Griffith Signs.

Manager Griffith admits that one of his regular players has signed his 1917 contract.

"I decline to name him at this time," explains the Old Fox, "but my correspondence shows that the only difference between the club and my players is based on the size of salaries offered."

"I shall have every one of them in line when the marching orders go out, have no fear. My players joined the fraternity because the others were doing it, but not one had his heart in the scheme. That's what they're all telling me now."

Players Are Signing.

Major league players are signing contracts on every club.

Ray Schalk, given a raise for his good playing of last season, has signed with the White Sox, laughing at Fultz's orders.

Eddie Cicotte, Joe Benz, and Claude Williams, White Sox pitchers wintering in Chicago, declare they will not join in any strike against the big league clubs.

Though some 1,200 players belong to the fraternity, it is estimated that less than 200 are still in the big leagues. Therefore, it can be reasoned why one-quarter of the membership is not expected to bear the brunt of fighting for the other three-quarters.

Salaries Are Dropping.

The Federal League booster salaries all along the line. It forced the organized baseball clubs to follow suit, or else the players. For two years unlimited salaries have been paid, and, in many cases, these so-called war-time contracts are still in existence.

With the passing of the Feds, organized baseball realizes that bankruptcy will come unless the salaries go back to where they were before the war. The owners are harder hit because their salaries were inflated more by the Federal League war than most of those affiliated with other clubs."

Ban Johnson claims that it is now plain to everybody that the fraternity is simply trying to maintain inflated salaries. This was hinted many times last summer.

Johnson's Statement.

"The strike propaganda of Fultz is clear to the baseball world," says Johnson. "It is a move on the part of Fultz and a few players to maintain the big salaries of the war time."

"I see President Weeghman, of the Cubs, has thrown down the gauntlet to players who refuse to accompany him team on the spring training jaunt. He says they must go with his team or lose their places on his roster."

"It is plain that the players do not care about the minor leagues. They are out to maintain big salaries. The club players are harder hit because their salaries were inflated more by the Federal League war than most of those affiliated with other clubs."

Fultz Talks Some More.

Dave Fultz ridicules Ban Johnson's lack of knowledge of union rules, charging him with trying to throw dust in the eyes of the players.

"Johnson forgets that wages are never made by organizations of em-

DOUBLE BILL TODAY FOR SCHOOL TEAMS

League Leaders Expected Easy Winners—Preps to Play Tomorrow.

There will be plenty of week-end basketball activity for the basketball toasters today and tomorrow. At the Y. M. C. A. today Business and Central are to play in the first game of the double bill, while Technical and Eastern are meeting in the second engagement.

Both Business and Tech are out in front, and should be returned winners this afternoon. Business has beaten Western and Eastern, while Tech has trimmed Central and Western.

Other Games Slated.

Tonight Western will play the boys' team at the Y. M. C. A. The "Y" youngsters have been usually successful against high school teams, and can be expected to furnish Western with a lot of opposition.

Gonzaga is playing the Gallaudet Reserves this afternoon, having dropped yesterday's game to Technical by a score of 28 to 11. The day before Gonzaga played Business. Tomorrow the Gonzaga lads will meet the Mt. St. Joseph's reserves, thus putting in a full week at the floor game.

Preps Play E. H. S.

Tomorrow the Army and Navy Preps play the Episcopal High School team at Alexandria. Episcopal has yet to lose a game this season. None of the Washington schools have ever been able to hand the Alexandrians a licking on their own floor. The A. N. Preps have been undefeated as yet. Today's game may be the last for Buck Wise as a Business representative. Wise graduated the last of the month and is said to be contemplating entering the Army and Navy Prep school. He may play with Business next Tuesday in its game with Tech.

Seats for Spectators.

There will be plenty of room for spectators at today's games. Prof. Beckett having ordered several tiers of seats put up for the accommodation of the spectators.

Report has it that Central will be weakened for today's game. Gottlieb is no longer with the squad and White is on the mend from grip. Central has lost Potter, who is suffering from grip.

WILL PLAY STATE

North Carolina Aggies Take on Byrd's Eleven in Fall.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 19.—The North Carolina Aggies will not play Georgetown next season, but on November 3 they will appear at College Park, Md., against the Maryland State team. Georgetown is considered too strong for the green squad. Coach Hartwell will have next season.

Washington and Lee, V. M. I., and V. P. I. are found on the following schedule:

October 5, Davidson College; 13, Roanoke College; 18, Wake Forest College; 27, Washington and Lee University; at Lexington, Va.

November 8, Maryland State College, at College Park, Md.; 10, Virginia Military Institute, at Richmond, Va.; 17, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Norfolk, Va.; 23, University of West Virginia, at Morgantown, W. Va.

STILL MEETS ELIS

Virginia's Eleven to Play Yale on Gridiron Next Fall.

CHARLETTESVILLE, Va., Jan. 19.—Virginia's official football schedule for 1917 has Yale as the only Northern team to be faced. The Orange and Blue is meeting distinctly Southern eleven in every other game.

The big home game will be with Vanderbilt at Lambeth field, November 17. Both Georgia Tech and Georgia University are on the following schedule:

September 29, Randolph-Macon; October 6, Yale, at New Haven; 13, Virginia Military Institute; 20, Georgia Tech, at Atlanta; 27, Emory and Henry.

November 3, Richmond College; 10, University of Georgia, at Athens; 17, Vanderbilt; 29, North Carolina, at Chapel Hill.

WILL SIT IN WENCK CASE

Governor Whitman Names Franklin B. Lord to Hear Charges.

ALBANY, Jan. 19.—Franklin B. Lord, counsel to Governor Whitman, was named by the governor today as a special commissioner to hear the charges of attempted extortion brought against Frederick A. Wenck, chairman of the State athletic commission by three New York boxing promoters. Mr. Lord was directed to report his findings to the executive.

A hearing on the Wenck charges has been set for Monday.

CAN THIS BE TRUE.

"Why don't women dress sensibly?" "If they did, half the industries of the world would go to smash."—New York American.

players," says the fraternity leader, "but always by unions of employees. He also forgets that baseball owners unionized long ago, and now have one of the strongest organizations in the country. Would it not be logical to fight fire with fire?"

KNOCKS OUT FOEMAN

Johnny Kilbane Puts Young Drummie to Sleep Easily.

WATERBURY, Conn., Jan. 19.—Johnny Kilbane, of Cleveland, the featherweight champion, knocked out Young Drummie, of Jersey City, here last night in the tenth round of their scheduled fifteen-round bout. Drumie went down for a count of nine from a right swing to the jaw, and upon rising, Kilbane, with a similar blow, put him out cold.

It was a knock-out blow to the time of the knockout blow, the champion taking no chances at all.

YOUNGSTERS AWAIT STRIKERS' PLACES

Few Who Hopped to Feds Are Now Identified With Big League Clubs.

By JOE VILA.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Members of the players' union, who have been ordered to strike, must not forget the fate of numerous young men who deserted the major leagues three years ago to aid the Federal backers in the disastrous struggle with organized baseball. I can name more than two dozen players who have dropped out of the company because their former employers have filled their places with ambitious and capable youngsters.

In 1913 the big leagues paid liberal salaries to such players as Joe Tinker, Otto Knebe, Tom Seaton, Mike Doolan, Ad Brennan, Russell Ford, Jack Dalton, Rebel Oakes, Jack Quinn, Edgar Willett, Cy Falkenberg, "Indian" Johnson, Mike Simon, Harry Lord, Guy Zinn, Frank Laporte, Enos Kirkpatrick, Marty Berghammer, and others who left the ranks of organized baseball, feeling sure that the Federal League would be a howling success.

Deserted the Phillies.

Knebe, Doolan, Seaton, and Brennan deserted the Phillies, who won the National League pennant two years later. Knebe will have to find employment in the minors this year. Doolan will try his hand at managing the Rochester club. Seaton's \$8,000 salary has been cut in two by owner Weeghman, of the Cubs, who finally decided to let him go. Brennan was turned loose last season by Weeghman and has dropped into obscurity.

Tinker, who jumped the Brooklyn to become manager of the Chieftas, was a dismal failure as the Cubs' leader last season and will devote his time this year to the management of the Columbus club.

Russell Ford, who received \$5,000 a year from the Yankees, has retired. Jack Dalton, who jumped the Brooklyn, is a minor leaguer. So is Rebel Oakes, who turned his back on the Cardinals to accept a position with the Pittsfield.

Jumped to Baltimore.

Quinn broke his contract with the Boston Braves to join the Baltimore Feds. He pitched for a California club last season. Willett, who deserted the Detroit, was released by Fielder Jones when he took hold of the combined St. Louis Browns and Feds.

Falkenberg left a good berth with the Cleveland to play with the Indianapolis Feds, and is now in the minors. Mike Simon violated his contract with the Pirates and never returned to the big leagues.

These deserters probably will admit that they made a fatal mistake when they ran away from the men who financed the game. They obtained fat salaries for a while, it is true, but their major league careers were shortened by several years.

Taking Same Chances.

Many of the strikers are taking similar chances. If they go out the magnates are sure to find men to fill their places, and it is reasonably certain that the club owners will try to keep all such deserters out of the fold.

The magnates are determined to put an end to contract jumping and hold-ups. There will be no half way methods this time. The Players' Union has thrown down the gauntlet and the magnates welcome the opportunity to crush the playing element which has made endless trouble since the inception of the Feds.

Are Receiving Letters.

All of the sixteen major league clubs are receiving letters from sensible players to the effect that they are not in sympathy with the strike order and the attempt to put the union into the American Federation of Labor. Most of these players have informed their employers that they will not remain away from the Southern training camps.

A local club received a letter from a star player yesterday which throws light on the attitude of many union members.

Didn't Expect Strike.

"I signed an agreement last summer to stick by the union," says this player, "but I had no idea that there would be a strike. I have no grievance, and I know that practically all the players are satisfied with their treatment."

"The idea of keeping the major league players idle until the minor league receive some concessions is entirely out of order. As nobody will pay me while I am expected to remain on strike I do not see how I can be benefited. I have a family to support and I need my salary. I'll report on the 1st of March."

Another prominent player has written to his employer that it is unfair to ask him to hold out while other players already under contract will report and draw their salaries.

CARLISLE PICKS COACH.

CARLISLE, Pa., Jan. 19.—Leo Harris, for a decade past associate in football matters with Glenn S. Warner, will give technical football coaching to the Carlisle Indian eleven during the coming season.

WEEGHMAN SLICES SALARY ONCE MORE

Archer Gets New Contract at Even Less Money Than First One Carried.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—President Weeghman, of the Cubs, started retaliatory measures today against Catcher Jimmy Archer. An unsigned contract, calling for \$4,000, returned by Archer, was "revised downward" and sent back to the holdout. Archer last year received a salary of \$7,500. "I am ready to take the same action I did in the Archer case with any ball player who wishes it," Weeghman said. "That goes as long as I am president of the club."

"I am going to see this thing through, regardless of whether we play a single game on the North Side this summer. The Cub special will start for Pasadena February 20 if there is not a single ball player on hand."

The Cub pay roll last season was \$145,000. It will have to be cut to \$75,000 to make the club a paying business proposition, Weeghman declared.

BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

"No surrender," says the player. "No compromise," says the magnate. But this is January.

Once more Freddie Welsh's ring tactics bring him disfavor. Examined by the club physician in the afternoon, he is found to be in perfect condition. Following a wretched exhibition against Ritchie, Mitchell, his manager announces that Welsh was "a physical wreck." Now Milwaukee wants Welsh barred from further shows in the State of Wisconsin, and would have the referee's license taken away for allowing the bout to go the limit. Why doesn't the public open its eyes? If Welsh cannot draw a house no promoter will match him. He deserves no matches, but he'll get them just as long as the public is willing to give up good money to see him.

Sport world folks are now devoting as much time to wrangling over how things should be done as it takes to do them.

A major leaguer trains a month or so in the South at his club's expense. He draws a large salary for six months. For three months of that six he has his hotel and railroad fares paid for him by the club. His meals on trains are paid, and sometimes certain players don't eat, waiting to land in the next town, where they can find a "fine dairy lunch." Now, do you really believe that John Jones, for instance, is going to lose \$6,000 in six months to save Peter Smith, a minor leaguer, from paying \$25 for a railroad ticket from Squeedunk to Palm Plats? Off that funny stuff!

Les Darcy hasn't fought anybody yet, thus showing remarkable lack of foresight.

The Cardinal A. C. of Alexandria, Va., is preparing for its annual banquet. Clark C. Griffith, of the Washington club, is always principal guest of honor. He will be again the feature of the banquet this winter, lining up with Tom Fisher, Alexandria's live wire mayor, despite the drought. If there is an athletic club in the United States with the vim and "pep" displayed by the Cardinal A. C., I have yet to hear of it. Composed of boys and young men, controlled by Sylvester Breen, a truly lovable character, this little organization does more toward keeping its home town before the public than the New York A. C., the Illinois A. C., or the Missouri A. C., all larger organizations. The Cardinals are a credit to Alexandria.

Have you joined the latest club, known as the "Loyal Legion of Law-son Leakers?"

Should Washington bowlers carry out the individual championship tournament planned it probably would attract as much interest as the annual event of the District Duckpin Association, although more will participate in the latter. In the association's tournament the bowlers compete for money but aside from this they hold little interest in it. With the individual championship affair the contestant goes in to gain something to be held higher than the amount of coin to be won by an individual in the association tournament. He competes for the honor of being called champion—a distinction that not many would pass up for the sake of a small bank roll.

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WILL SELL FRANCHISE

Utica, N. Y., Faces Dismal Outlook for Baseball Now.

UTICA, N. Y., Jan. 19.—The franchise of the Utica baseball team, of the New York State League, was placed on the market yesterday as part of the arrangements to close up the estate of Fred Schram, owner of the club, who died late last fall.

The outlook for Utica is very dismal, and the fans of the town are trying to interest local capitalists in the project to buy the franchise and keep the team here. It is expected that the league will take some action on the public sale.

GANDIL WELCOMES WARM COMPETITION

Indians' Veteran First Sacker Thinks It Will Make Him Play Better.

If Louis Guisto, Ray Miller, Joe Harris or Marty Kavanaugh thinks he can wrest the first base job from Chic Gandil there are making a big mistake, judging from a letter received by the writer yesterday from the veteran first-sacker, says Henry P. Edwards in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Chic declares he welcomes competition. 'All the time I was at Washington,' writes Chic, 'I had no opposition at first, and I guess I got to taking things easy. Now I read that there is a lot of competition for my job, and I am glad, for it is going to make me play better.'

"I am feeling 100 per cent better this winter than ever before. Why? Because I cut out smoking cigarettes at the close of the season, and it has made a big difference in me. I never have boosted myself in regard to what a great year I expected to have, but I do want to say that in giving the club the best I have and a few breaks of luck, I am sure to have a good season this time."

"Bagby arrived here a week or so ago looking fine. Popboy Smith also is here in New Orleans, and has taken on quite a little weight. Our winter league did not last very long. The fans did not attend, and you could not blame them, for none of us professionalists would take a chance on getting hurt, and it took the pep out of the games."

COLLEGE QUINTS IN BATTLE TOMORROW

Georgetown Meets George Washington and C. U. Plays Gallaudet.

Georgetown vs. George Washington and Catholic University vs. Gallaudet is the program for tomorrow night on local basketball courts. The Hatchettes will entertain the Georgetown toasters at the Y. M. C. A., while Gallaudet will play Catholic University at Kendall Green.

George Washington has succeeded in defeating Gallaudet and Catholic University, while Georgetown has decisively beaten the Gallaudet team. Tomorrow night the Hatchettes are meeting the Hilltoppers for the first time.

Manager G. H. Dally, of George Washington, announced the officials today, as follows: James Colthoff, referee; Bryan Moore, umpire; John Keeler, scorer, and S. M. Tabler, time.

Fast Game Expected.

One of the fastest games in the history of floor sport is expected when Georgetown takes up the running against George Washington tomorrow night. The Hilltoppers possess Cashin, O'Leary, McNulty, Fees and O'Boyle, the best combination Georgetown has had for several years.

G. W. U. Loses Two.

The Hatchettes have lost two games, one to the Navy and one to Temple University of Philadelphia. Almon and Giacomo will probably play forwards, Patterson center, and Hillies and Groesbeck guards. The George Washington girls will play a team from Holton Arms School before the big game. At 7 p. m., a meeting of all the coaches, captains, and officials in this section of the country have been invited to attend a rules interpretation meeting to be presided over by Dr. Joseph Rayercroft, of Princeton University.

LOSES BILL BINGHAM.

BOSTON, Jan. 18.—Bill Bingham, last year's track captain at Harvard, and now on the Boston Athletic Association's group of athletes, has accepted a

business offer from the West and is expected to leave here within a few days.

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